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1. REVIEW OF REFTELS B-D AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT FOLLOW UP TELS LEADS TEL ATT TO MAKE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE TO POSTS REGARDING SUPPORT OF KIRBY CANDIDACY FOR ITU POST OF DIRECTOR IF CCIR (INTERNATIONAL RADIO CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE) AT ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT CCIR XIIIITH PLENARY ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA ON JULY 16:

SOME POSTS REPORT THAT THEIR HOST GOVERNMENTS PLAN TO INSTRUCT THEIR PERM REPS IN GENEVA TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY OR THAT THEY INTEND TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT TO VOTE BY PROXY FOR THEM AT ASSEMBLY. THESE GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE REMINDED:

(1) THAT DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE DULY REGISTERED OPENING DAY OF PLENARY ASSEMBLY JULY 15, AS ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT 1430 HOURS JULY 16 AND HENCE INSTRUCTIONS TO GENEVA PERM REPS TO ATTEND SHOULD BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO JULY 15. AS PLENARY ASSEMBLY DOES NOT FALL IN CATEGORY OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE, SIMPLE NOTIFICATION BY MEMBER STATE EITHER DIRECTLY TO CCIR DIRECTOR OR THROUGH ITS MISSION, GENEVA, SUFFICIENT TO REGISTER DELEGATIONS.

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(2) THAT MEMBER STATES WISHING TO ACCORD ANOTHER MEMBER STATE RIGHT TO VOTE BY PROXY FOR THEM MUST SEND FORMAL WRITTEN

AUTHORIZATION TO CCIR DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THAT MEMBER STATE DELEGATION SIGNED BY HEAD OF STATE, HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, FOREIGN MINISTER OR "MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR QUESTIONS DEALT WITH DURING CONFERENCE" (SEE MONTREUX CONVENTION, GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 5, REGS. 630, 640-42). THIS WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION MUST BE IN HANDS OF CCIR DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATION ATTENDING ASSEMBLY NOT LATER THAN JULY 16.

(3) THAT IF DELEGATION ATTENDING PLENARY ASSEMBLY WILL NOT FOR ANY REASON BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT AFTERNOON OF JULY 16,

THAT DELEGATION CAN ACCORD ITS RIGHT TO VOTE BY PROXY TO ANOTHER DELEGATION BY SIMPLY NOTIFYING CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE IN WRITING. (SEE GEN REG 641).

(4) THAT MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS RECEIVING PROXY VOTE AUTHORIZATION SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE AND/OR DIRECTOR CCIR OF THIS FACT. REASON FOR THIS IS THAT ONE DELEGATION MAY NOT EXERCISE MORE THAN ONE PROXY VOTE AT PLENARY ASSEMBLY. (SEE GR642).

(A) IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD BE WELL TO NOTE THAT AT OSLO PLENARY ASSEMBLY 1966 VOTES WERE LOST BECAUSE MORE THAN ONE DELEGATION CEDED ITS PROXY VOTE TO SAME DELEGATION WHICH COULD ONLY EXERCISE ONE PROXY VOTE.

2. AS DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCING CANDIDACIES FOR CCIR DIRECTOR POST IS JUNE 16, IT WOULD APPEAR USEFUL TO REMIND POSTS OF DIRECTOR ELECTION SITUATION FOLLOWING THAT DATE WHEN IT WILL BE CLEAR THAT THERE IS OR IS NOT ANY OPPOSITION TO KIRBY CANDIDACY. AS OF THIS DATE HE REMAINS SOLE CANDIDATE. HOWEVER REPORTS PERSIST THAT SPANISH-SPEAKING WORLD WILL LAUNCH A CANDIDATE AND THAT EASTERN EUROPEANS MAY ALSO DO SO. ABRAMS

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